

Veterans Build November 2026

November 6th and 7th



At Habitat for Humanity, we believe housing is the foundation for everything that follows. A safe, affordable home provides stability, dignity, and the opportunity for families to thrive. Through partnership and affordable homeownership, Habitat helps families build stronger futures, starting at home.

Why Veterans Build Matters Today

- Veterans Build honors service through action by addressing the real housing challenges veterans and families face today, not just access to housing, but long-term stability. Housing stability is increasingly at risk, even for homeowners, due to rising repair costs, aging homes, and limited resources for preservation.
- One issue is that there are not enough affordable housing units available. A recent study noted that we need another 227,000 new units in the state of Illinois to meet the demand.
- A second issue is that, in the Chicago region alone, more than 400,000 homes need critical repairs to remain safe, healthy, and accessible. Common issues include aging roofs, failing systems, accessibility barriers, and deferred maintenance.
- Veterans with service-related disabilities face greater challenges, as accessibility needs and repair costs can make it difficult to remain safely housed. Habitat for Humanity helps families stay in the homes and communities they already call home through critical repairs, accessibility modifications, and targeted construction projects.
- Habitat for Humanity's Veterans Build event can include new home construction and/or preservation and repair.
- Corporate partners support visible, tangible impact, improving safety, dignity, and quality of life for families.

By supporting Veterans Build 2026, sponsors help build new homes, preserve existing ones, and honor service with lasting impact.

What the Veterans Build Event Achieves

Following the spirit of Habitat for Humanity's national Veterans Build movement, Chicagoland Habitat's Veterans Build Event brings veterans, corporate partners, and community supporters together in service, while raising awareness and critical funding for year-round veteran housing programs. While volunteer teams may not always work directly on a veteran-owned home due to construction schedules and project needs, the event advances veteran housing impact through the following objectives:

- Engaging veterans, corporate partners, and community members in meaningful service projects across Chicagoland
- Raising funds to support existing veteran homeownership, repair, and preservation programs
- Increasing awareness of veteran-specific housing challenges and available Habitat services
- Creating opportunities for veterans and supporters to serve side-by-side, strengthening community connections
- Mobilizing volunteers and resources to sustain long-term veteran programming beyond the event

How You Can Help

We need **volunteers** and **sponsors** for this event.

COMMUNITY BUILDER	NEIGHBORHOOD BUILDER	HOME BUILDER	FAMILY BUILDER	PORCH BUILDER	YARD BUILDER	Veterans Build 2026 Sponsorship Benefits
\$50,000+	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,000	Your investment in affordable housing for veterans
Yes						Invitation to speak and recognition at the Veteran Build program
Yes	Yes					Onsite signage on all affiliate build sites
8 teams	4 teams	3 teams	2 teams	1 team		Team of 10 volunteers at a Veterans Build site
80	40	30	20	10		Veteran Build T-shirts and volunteer lunches
Yes	Yes	Yes				Company name included in all press releases and media outreach for initiative
Yes (Logo)	Yes (Logo)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Recognition on all event printed materials, on the Chicagoland Habitat website and social media channels

** If a build site located within the City of Chicago is selected, the sponsorship level includes one fewer team than listed above due to higher project and labor costs.*

10,000+

Since 2013, Habitat's Veterans Build program has partnered with over 10,397 veterans and their families to improve their housing.

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